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APPLICANTS: Mark Hoffman et al.

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**Mail Stop Appeal Brief - Patents**

Commissioner for Patents

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to file an Appeal Brief in the above-identified application. With the extension, the Appeal Brief is due on or before April 3, 2006 (April 1<sup>st</sup> being a Saturday). A check in the amount of \$510.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24309-501. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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